

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Marina V. Zalevsky on November 5, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the instant specification, on page 7, line 31, please delete the following paragraph:

The output termination port OTPm is adapted to originate an electrical or optical signal towards a peer switching unit, such as a Gigabit Ethernet signal, and to encode outgoing data units in a format suitable for their transmission towards the peer switching unit.

And in the instant specification, on page 12, line 32, please delete the following paragraph:

Upon completion of period t , t being an index ranging from 0 onwards, the measurement means MEAS1 to MEASM determine the draining status of all the egress queues, thereby determining DS_Eqm_CoSc. During the same period, the bandwidth request means REQ 1 to REQN measure the incoming traffic at every ingress queue, thereby determining BWNnmc_t.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELANIE JAGANNATHAN whose telephone number is (571)272-3163. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Ryman can be reached on 571-272-3152. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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